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SUBJECT: MISS LILLIAN'S TRIP TO SHAEL

1. AT END AFRICA PORTION ADVANCE TRIP, WISH UNDERLINE GENUINE PLEASURE AND ANTICIPATION WITH WHICH HOST GOVERNMENTS GREETING MISS LILLIAN'S TRIP. THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED ENTHUSIASTICALLY IN PLANNING SESSIONS WITH ADVANCE TEAM AT EACH STOP (INDEED, ONE OF OUR MOST DELICATE TASKS HAS BEEN TO CUT-BACK ACTIVITIES THEY HAD PLANNED IN HER HONOR). THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO VISIT HAS BEEN SHOWN IN NUMEROUS WAYS - RANGING FROM PRESIDENT JAWARA PERSONALLY CONDUCTING TOUR OF STATE HOUSE GROUNDS AND GUEST QUARTERS, PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S INVITATION TO MISS LILLIAN TO RESIDE AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE (THE FIRST SUCH INVITATION TO ANY AMERICAN IN POST MEMORY), TO BAMAKO'S HOTEL DE L'AMITIE DISPLAYING AMERICAN FLAG IN HONOR ADVANCE TEAM STAY*

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- 2. COOPERATION AND ADVANCE PREPARATION BY EMBASSIES HAS BEEN COMPLETE AND PROFESSIONAL. SOME WILL NEED ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, WHICH REQUESTS BEING HANDLED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE AND USE OF REGIONAL PERSONNEL.
- 3. ALL AMBASSADORS (AND CHARGE IN OUAGADOUGOU) EXTREMELY RECEPTIVE TO SALAZAR SUGGESTION THAT THEY

JOIN PARTY AT PRECEDING STOP FOR IN-FLIGHT BRIEFING MISS LILLIAN AND OTHER VIPS. THEY CAN ALSO CONDUCT PRESS BACKGROUNDERS AND DISTRIBUTE PRESS KITS DURING THESE SESSIONS. URGE AUTHORIZATION THIS PROPOSAL.

4. AS YOU MAY HAVE SEEN IN SEVERAL MESSAGES, POSTS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS THAT YOU PERSONALLY MAKE TRIP, AS WELL. HOPE YOUR SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT YOUR PARTICIPATION. CAN GUARANTEE MEMORABLE AND MEANINGFUL VOYAGE.

5. HARDEN AND FELL HAVE BEEN BOON COMPANIONS. HARDEN SUBMITTING SEPTEL SERIES OF REQUESTS (AS WELL AS THEMES TO BE DEVELOPED) BASED ON HIS EXPERIENCES ON ADVANCE TRIP. I WILL LEND A HAND IN FULFILLING THEM WHEN I RETURN TO OFFICE JULY 6. GALANTO

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